

AFTERNOON, J

SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.

A Pleasing Program Was Carried Out
Last Evening—Eloquent Address by
Mayor O'Neill.

The twenty-third annual commencement exercises of the Carbon-dale High school held last evening in the assembly room of the Central school building were carried out in a successful manner. While the program was not as elaborate, perhaps, as that of last year, the exercises were of a thoroughly enjoyable nature and reflected creditably upon the young folks who participated.

The Assembly room was filled to its capacity and all present showed commendable interest in the efforts of the young graduates. The decorations were beautiful. Flags were artistically draped about the walls. An evergreen fence along the front of the platform was studded with red and white electric bulbs and from the ceiling was suspended in red and white, the class colors, the motto, "Gradatim." A corps of young ladies from the junior class acted as ushers.

The first number was a march, during which the graduates thirty-one in number, marched from the recitation rooms to the platform in the assembly room. They were given a hearty ovation.

Miss Ruth Bailey, the salutatorian, gave the audience a most gracious welcome. Her essay was one of the real treats of the evening. Beautifully worded, and delivered in a faultless manner, it won most favorable attention.

The next number was a character study of "Portia" from the "Merchant of Venice," given by Miss Edna Loomis. The young lady showed a familiarity with her subject which denoted close application to her study of Shakespeare's works.

Miss Grace Stone sang a solo in a very pleasing manner and won hearty applause. The next number was a paper on "Japan" by Miss Jessie Reese. It was a comprehensive description of the national character, resources and accomplishments of the residents of the eastern empire and well merited the hearty applause it received. The next number was the class song.

The address of the evening was delivered by Hon. J. J. O'Neill, who spoke in his usual eloquent manner. He congratulated the graduates upon their success in this important educational epoch of their lives and then gave an address, the salient feature of which was an emphasis of the value of time. Success is gained only through constant effort. No one, however great, can live on past achievements. Even virtue may not seek remuneration for its past.

Mayor O'Neill said he hoped there would never come a time when the members of the class of 1904 would say their work is done; their education finished. It matters not how great our feats in the past, if we stop we begin to decay. As long as life shall last the struggle must go on. There is no way to succeed except by work, tireless, sometimes thankless work. Into whatever walk of life we may enter, the same

struggle must be fought. Mr. O'Neill advised the graduates to abandon hope of success at once if they are not willing to pay the price of constant work. Success cannot be attained without it.

A flute duet by Theodore Bauschmann and Edward Mills formed a pleasing diversion after which Lasley Lee gave the valedictory oration. The ability demonstrated by the young man showed that he had rightfully won the honor of valedictorian. He made an earnest appeal for good books and in closing paid the usual tributes to the school directors, parents, superintendent and faculty and bade a graceful farewell to them and to his classmates.

One of the real pleasures of the evening was the brief address by Prof. W. D. Bryden, principal of the high school. His chief thought was that the vital issue with the graduates is not what they know but what they are. In behalf of the school board he then presented the diplomas, the "sign and seal of work well done." The exercises were closed by the singing of a parting song by the graduates. The words of the two class songs were composed by Miss Mabel Lowry and the music by Leon L. Bly.

Following are the members of the class of 1904: Ruth C. Bailey, Catherine Fineran, Bridget Howard, Katherine Kirawood, Edna Loomis, Susan McMinn, Gertrude Powell, Jessie Reese, Grace Stone, Margaret Boland, Hazel Gardner, Edith Jones, Gertrude Linnen, Mabel Lowry, Margaret O'Boyle, Anna Pengelly, Marjorie Spencer, Lois Tryon, Mattie Thomas, Mary Wade, Helen Watkins, Mary Williams, Otto Brunner, Will Davis, Frank Duffy, Ridgway Lathrope, Will Glennon, Lasley Lee, Fred Lewis, Edward Mills, Raymond Ward.